

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Learning Ministry

Meeting Date: October 11, 2011

ATTENDEES:

Nancy Ashland
Jeff Cieslik
Kim Comerford
Anita Damon
Donna Haberland
Tracy Murray
Candy Rusin

Items that may require council action:

- None

Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

- See minutes

New Task Force (see minutes for details):

- Christmas Program
- Sunday School Evaluation

Ministry team minutes:

1. Existing Task Forces - None
2. New Task Forces Envisioned
 - a. Christmas Program – December 18th during worship: 9:15 at Downtown Site (grades 1-3) and 10:30 at the North Site (grades preschool-grade 5 or 6). Will ask volunteers directly instead of using task force sign up to help with this.
 - b. Possible new task force, Sunday School Evaluation – Donna will think about some goals for the task force and discuss with Pastors Mary and Jeff.
 - Is SS meeting the needs of the members? Should we try something different? Check out Alliance's Tuesday program
 - What is the goal of Sunday School? Do we do it just because it has always been done?
 - Different sets of goals for younger kids and older kids? Possibly having a 3-6 week intensive study and then having off for several weeks.
 - How can we cultivate a relationship between the pastors and the children?
 - Are more families with children going to the North Site? Is that why Downtown attendance is low?
 - How does attending worship affect SS attendance?
 - Benefits of the tables on the sides at the North Site.
3. Items for discussion
 - a. Library Report – Next meeting in January.

- b. Continue work on 2012 LMT goals
 - Pastor-led study in the evening?
 - Cheerio boxes/canned goods collection by Sunday School?
 - Lay School of Ministry – what is it? Maybe present information as temple talk
 - Nursery toy cleaning – maybe a service project for Sunday School students
- c. Work on 2012 budget
 - Designating \$500 of our current budget to paint and decorate rooms at Downtown Site for coffeehouse
 - Possibly give a stipend to anyone attending Synod Assembly in June
 - Money for Stephen Ministry?
- d. Nancy discussed the AdHoc review of ministry teams –
 - Checking with team member via a 6-question survey
 - Recommendations to see how teams are working and if any changes need to be made.
 - Clarification needed what is the purpose of chair meeting?
- e. Coffeehouse/learning aspect
 - May have questions related to the sermon for discussion
 - Seek approval to make Downtown Site room 114-115 warmer atmosphere for by painting/decorating